

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE****Improved Polymer Composition**  
**and Process for the Preparation Thereof**

An aqueous composition including a polymer having polymerized ethylenically unsaturated acid monomer is disclosed. The aqueous composition is prepared in the presence of select organic compounds. As provided is a process to prepare the aqueous composition. The aqueous composition is useful as a dispersant for inorganic particles, a thickener or rheology modifiers for various aqueous formulations, and as a dispersing resin.